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Criticism.

The propriety and difficulty of remaining silent under the fires of criticism is strikingly illustrated at times by incumbents of lofty trusts as well as by incumbents of ordinary positions. However unjust the attack or painful the reticence of those who are victims of the same, the latter should not be forgetful of the debt they owe the public as well as themselves even under the most trying circumstances. We have no objection to anyone throwing pouquets at himself, and no objection to a man giving himself credit for doing more than he really has done and no objections to a man criticising another so long as it is in the right way: and that way is to be true and just in the criticism, and at a time when a man can defend himself. Never take the opportunity of criticising a person when you know you have the odds on him because time will not permit him to defend himself. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," because the same measure you measure unto others shall be measured unto again. He that renders an unjust report on earth will be responsible for the same in heaven.

Among the many valuable statements to be found in the writings of the Apostle Paul is the excellent injunction: "Be courteous." In his day society had some rough edges to be smoothed and much crudeness to give way to the refining influence of ordinary civility. As long as human nature occupies an immutable attitude toward the doctrine of depravity, the command of this disciple of Gamaliel should be universally esteemed as a rule of action. It costs but little, after all, to be polite. A coarse and boorish individual, of all men, is the most worthy subject of contempt. He who has no respect for the rights, no regard for the feelings of others, should be rewarded only with payment in his own coin. What a despicable worm must be the wretch who continually crawls in the dust of uncouthness. At his sight the sensitive shrinks away, and he is studiously avoided by every lover of good manners. The discourteous man may seem to glide smoothly along in life, but he generally has a rough time. He may not be openly criticised but in the hearts of well-bred people he is an object of pity and censure.

The ignorant man may be excused for not knowing. the indolent man may escape for not doing, but neither the one nor the other is exempt from the duty of being a gentleman. The true gentleman is always courteous. His civility will serve to distinguish him more than rank or riches. No matter where he is and how environed by circumstances, he has an engrained respect for the feelings of others, kindness in his heart and sunshine in his looks. Lord Chesterfield may be his inferior in the art

of locomotion or graceful deportments; he may know the rules from Paris—may have all the laws of etiquette down by note; after surveying the entire code of civility, after reading all the statute books of social intercourse, may say with the complacent scribe of yore: "All these have I kept from my youth." Yet, with courtesy, the answer, "One thing thou lackest," may silence his boasting.—John F. VANDERHORST, Ex-Chairman of the New Student Committee of the Y. M. C. A.

Diplomatic Service.

What to do with W. F. Powell, the only colored man holding office in the American diplomatic service, should he be recalled from Haiti in answer to Haiti's objection, is a question puzzling Administration officials. The race question was not brought up in the diplomatic service by Powell's appointment because Haiti is a black republic, but Haiti has objected to Powell on the ground that he was over-zealous in reporting alleged revolutions which, according to the Haitians, never occurred or, in fact, were not even scheduled to occur.

ADMINISTRATION NOT DISSATISFIED.

The Administration is not dissatisfied with Powell's service at Port au Prince, and should Haiti request that he be removed he will undoubtedly be taken care of. This will mean that he will be sent to a post where heretofore white men have represented this government as envoys. Probably some European post will be selected. Heretofore the American Government has never been represented at any other foreign capital than Port au Prince by a colored man in a ministerial capacity.

In the consular service there are several posts held by colored men. The most recent appointment made is that of Herbert Wright, a colored lawyer of Des Moines, Iowa, to be consul at Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo. Thornwell Haynes holds a consul post at Vladivostok, He is a colored man from South Carolina. Richard Hayes of Rhimond, has been designated for appointment to a consulship at Guadeloupe.

Wilhelm von Humboldt:—"After all, it is continued temperance which sustains the body for the longest period of time, and which most surely preserves it free from sickness."

When biographers or interviewers asked the late Wilson Barrett to name his recreation, "Working," was his simple answer. He was a tremendous worker with a passion for detail. This constituted his rest and pleasure. Cessation of occupation and activity is not rest, it is continued but varied activity.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., APRIL 14, 1905.

C. E. Smith, of the Freshman College Class, won the medal of the Henry A. Brown Prize Debate last night. A full account will be given in the next issue.

A hymn entitled "St. John," by two Howard students, was sung in the University chapel last Sunday evening at the vesper service. The words were written by Mr. Clement C. Gill and set to music by Mr. J. R. Walters. Both of these students are members of the Theological Department.

Mr. J. F. Carroll wishes to inform the readers that he did not write that article, "A Word to Girls." He does not know enough about them to advise them. All articles of this kind are contributed by ladies.

Cricket Match.

BARBADOS VERSUS ALL WEST INDIES.

What promises to be a very interesting cricket match will be played by two teams of the H. U. C. C. on the University campus Saturday, April 15th, at 11 o'clock. The teams will be composed chiefly of members of the Theological and Medical Departments. The composition is as follows:

Barbados—Vanloo, H. Brewster, Brewster, Payne, Gill, Jones, Matthews, Kane, McConnie, Tappin, Williams, Paris.

All West Indies—Seaton, Muirhead, Douglas, Cassis, Wilson, Godfrey, Cunningham, Ellis (Jamaica), Willard, Piheiro (Demerara), Baker (Antigua), Thomas (Santa Cruz), Irish (Montserrat), Garcia, Osceley (Trinidad), Roker (Bahamas).

Base Ball.

It is extremely disappointing to the manager and captain of the Base Ball Team to be deprived of some of their best material during the time that it is most needed. It is always desirable to make as good showing as possible away from home and for that reason special care is taken in selecting the men who are to represent us. But there seems to be one thing that those in power seem to entirely overlook, namely, the standing or record in class work of all aspirant to the team. Again and again we are embarrassed in having to ask leave of absence for those men who are behind in their work, because they have been allowed to monopolize the field all the practice season, and are therefore the strength of the team. This should not be so. Hereafter we must see to it that those who occupy essential positions on our team will be up in their class work. Jackson, Holmes and Turner did it. The others can also if they will only stay home and study at night.

Notices.

The Alumni are urged to organize and become acquainted with the doings and happenings around the University. They can wield a strong influence if they will. Probably they do not know that in this day of strong industrial fever their concerted action may be greatly needed to preserve the institution in its original aim—the higher education of the Negroes. It is not expedient to discuss this subject here; freedom of press is only a federal right. It is to be lamented that the Alumni fail to see the necessity of supporting a paper to the extent of making it independent and unrestricted and able to give full information of local conditions.

Howard University will play the Philadelphia Grays here on the 19th and 20th of this month. The team is now on a Southern trip and is expected back Saturday. We will play Union a return game here on Easter Monday.

Theological Notes.

The following officers were installed at last meeting of the Theological Literary Society: J. J. Derrieks, President; H. C. P. Baker, Vice President; J. L. Wright, Secretary; E. I. Swan, Chaplain; J. F. Vanderhorst, Treasurer, E. T. Newman, Librarian; and W. H. Best, Sergeant-at-arms. President Derrieks delivered a timely address.

The series of lectures on "Revivals of Religion" by Dr. Hamlin are interesting and instructive.

There was much regret on the part of the students on account of the absence of Dr. Clark from his classes on Wednesday. We wish for the Doctor a speedy recovery.

The Seniors are enjoying a course of lectures on "Pastoral Theology" led by Prof. Geo. C. Little. Dr. Little is well informed on this subject, having been a successful pastor of one of the largest Presbyterian churches in the District for twenty five years.

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WASHINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Excited Discussion Over Overture for Separate Presbyteries. Eloquent Address by Dr. Grimke.

At the meeting of the Washington Presbytery in Westminster Church on Tuesday morning in spite of the unanimous report of committee, the overture was adopted by a vote of 42 to 23. Rev. W. W. Radcliffe, chairman of the overture committee led off in the discussion against the overture.

Rev. F. J. Grimke although the only colored member of the Presbytery made an eloquent plea in behalf of the race and in behalf of the principles of Christianity. Dr. Grimke is a fearless advocate of justice. The Doctor said in part: "Who are we, that we should say to any race, 'Be ye separated; stand off by yourselves.' It would be a change in our form of government. The success of the work in our church has been because the colored men have not been segregated. It is not the spirit of Christ to humiliate a race and ignore their manhood. The great progress among the colored people in the South has been owing to the aid given by the Board for Work Among the Freedmen, while in the North there is no help from any church board. This complexion of Presbyteries has nothing whatever to do with the growth of Presbyterianism among either white or black; it depends on the amount of push and energy put into the work. I sometimes wonder how God can sit still and see such things going on in the Presbyterian church." Great applause at the conclusion.

Justice Harlan was strongly opposed to the proposed overture saying that both politicians and churchmen talk too much about "color line."

Rev. Dr. Chester, Dr. P. B. Ransdell, Dr. Bittenger and Dr. Hamlin spoke on behalf of the overture.

President John Gordon made an earnest plea against adoption of the overture because he did not believe it would offer the highest opportunity for the colored man. "I will be forever opposed to the organization of any Presbytery in which I could not become a member, where the doors could be shut in my face."

Personals.

Mr. Chester Turley, a teacher in the public schools; and a well known friend to many of the University students, passed away last Friday at 7:25 P. M. His death is much lamented by his family and many friends. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at St. Luke's church.

Rev. Rogers, a graduate of Yale, and a renowned lecturer on "Religion and Science, and How They Harmonize," preached an excellent sermon in Chapel Sunday. The beauty of natural theology was clearly shown.

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